

"Events sponsored by your project ensure further development of parliamentary traditions in Ukraine".

**V. Karpuk,
MP for V and VI convocations**

In 2006, the Parliamentary Development Project for Ukraine launched the "Lawmaking" series of publications for Ukrainian MPs, their aides and VR staff on various aspects of parliamentary activities. The project has produced 9 handbooks in this series, which, together with other publications, are distributed among MPs and the Verkhovna Rada Secretariat.

*All publications are available at the PDP II web site:
www.iupdp.org*



Since 2000, the PDP has implemented, jointly with the Inter-Parliamentary Relations Department of the Secretariat of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, the Parliamentary Internship Program. The program was founded in 1995 by the US Association of Former Members of Congress with the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.

In 2008, the internship program was expanded to help other executive branches of government such as individual ministries and the presidential administration.

In 15 years more than 1,000 young Ukrainians have completed the internship program, with almost a third of them going on to work in the parliament or other Ukrainian governance institutions.

"I graduated from the Parliamentary Internship Program 12 years ago; it was the first year of the Program's activities. Now, I am the national deputy of Ukraine. My career and examples of many other interns are testament to the real efficiency of the Parliamentary Internship Program. I believe the program shall be preserved."

**Ostap Semerak,
MP for VI convocation, participant
of the internship program in 1995-1996**



The Parliamentary and Executive Internship Program's 2008-09 graduating class

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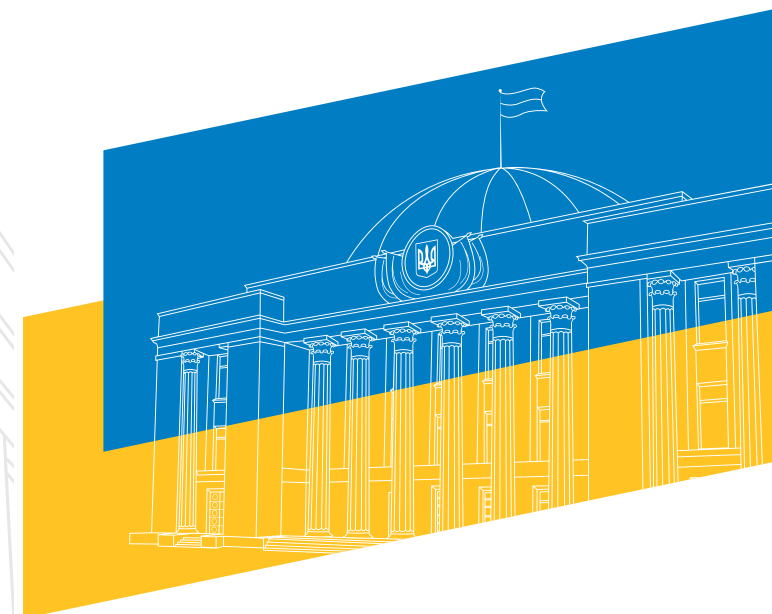
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Parliamentary Development Project II

**Legislative Policy Development
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Since 1994, the Parliamentary Development Project for Ukraine (PDP) has been providing deputies and staff of the Verkhovna Rada – Ukraine's parliament – with comparative information, training and consultations on parliamentary institutions, procedures and legislative capacity building.

The PDP also provides assistance to the parliament on increasing transparency and public participation in the legislative process, especially cooperation with the leadership and committees of the Verkhovna Rada.

Building on the 14-year experience of PDP, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) extended the project until May 2011 as PDP II. Within the framework of the new three-year project, PDP II continues to provide technical assistance to the parliament and extends it also to the presidential administration, the Secretariat of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and individual ministries. PDP II focuses on efficient mechanisms of legislative policy development and respective capacity building of the legislative and executive branches. In 2009, PDP II initiated a sub-program with the Verkhovna Rada of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea (VR ARC).

Through consultations, development of analytical materials, training, and other activities, the project seeks to contribute to:

- More effective and transparent legislative and policy decision-making in the legislative and executive branches of government;
- Institutionalization of staff and organizational development capacity within the parliament, the Presidential Administration, the Cabinet of Ministers, and the VR ARC;
- Increased and meaningful access to the legislative process for civil society

"Many thanks to the Parliamentary Development Project for Ukraine for long-standing, diverse and fruitful and very useful contributions to the legislative development of Ukraine. I hope our mutual cooperation will be productive and successful for many years."

Yu. Kljuchkovskiy,
MP for III, IV, V and VI convocations

The PDP has also participated in or organized working groups to improve specific legislation regarding the work of Ukraine's parliament (e.g., Rules of Procedures, the work of committees of the Verkhovna Rada, the budget process) as well as legislation addressing various aspects of public policy.

In 2002, 2006 and 2007, the PDP conducted orientation trainings for newly elected national deputies (MPs).

During this same period, PDP staff and consultants, jointly with MPs and staff members of the Verkhovna Rada Secretariat, held regular trainings for MP aides from each faction, on organizational and legal aspects of the legislative process, public participation, operations of the Verkhovna Rada Secretariat divisions on information policy and general support of the key parliamentary functions.



Seminar for MP aides, 2008

In order to raise public awareness of the legislative process and mechanisms of public involvement, jointly with the Verkhovna Rada committees and individual MPs, PDP II conducts field seminars on "What Citizens Need to Know to Effectively Participate in the Legislative Process" and "Addressing Social Policy Issues" for local officials, representatives of local self-government and civil society organizations.



Training seminar for trainers, Vorzel, 2009

Since 1998, it has become a tradition for the PDP to hold information fairs that showcase the technical and analytical support that different organizations could provide to the Verkhovna Rada. The fifth fair, organized in 2009, featured forty organizations including Ukrainian non-governmental organizations and assistance programs of the United States, Europe and the United Nations.



Opening of the fourth information fair in 2008

"The expert analytical and technical support provided by the Parliamentary Development Project to the Secretariat of the Verkhovna Rada is highly relevant, because it is tailored to the needs of the national deputies of Ukraine, the leadership, the parliamentary committees and the departments of the Verkhovna Rada Secretariat and Staff."

A. Kinakh, MP for I, III, V and VI convocations,
and Prime Minister 2001-02